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SUBJECT: PLO DELEGATION AT GA

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1. AMBASSAEOR GODLEY HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO ADVISE OF ASST SEC BUFFUM'S TELEPHONIC AUTHORIZATION THAT VISAS MAY BE ISSUED TO ANYONE ARAFAT DESIRES. AMBASSADOR GODLEY TOLD ME HE INTERPRETS THIS TO BE THE 12 PEOPLE LISTED BEIRUT REFTEL. AS BEIRUT REFTEL NOTED, ONE PERSON, MOUSTA-PHA HASSANI, WAS APPARENTLY NOT ON LIST MENTIONED IN KRIEBEL-CAROL N TELECON.

(NOR IS HE ON ANY LIST GIVEN TO THIS EMBASSY.) HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT BEHLOULI AND FAROUK ABDEL RAHMAN ARE NOW BEING ISSUED VISAS IN BEIRUT, WHILE THE REST OF THE GROUP IS SUPPOSED TO BE EN ROUTE TO CAIRO VIA DAMASCUS AND EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE SOME TIME TONIGHT. VISAS WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED TO THEM HERE. AS TELECON TAKING PLACE, STATE REFTEL ALSO RECEIVED.

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2. I THEREUPON CALLED AL-BAZ TO TELL HIM THAT DEPT

HAS AUTHORIZED VISA ISSUANCE TO 12 MEMBERS OF ARAFAT'S PARTY AS GIVEN TO AMMBASSY BEIRUT BY ALI HASSAN SALAMAH (BEHLOULI). I ASSUMED THIS WAS PROBABLY PRUNED LIST THAT SAID KAMAL WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING TO GO, BUT WHICH ACCORDING TO AL-BAZ STILL NOT RECEIVED. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT BEHLOULI AND ABDEL RAHMAN NOW RECEIVING THEIR VISAS IN BEIRUT, WHILE REST OF PARTY IS EXPECTED HERE TONIGHT. IF GOE COLLECTS PASSPORTS, EMBASSY IS PREPARED ISSUE VISAS TO THOSE 10 PEOPLE. IN AUTHORIZING VISAS, USG IS ACTING WITH DESIRE TO EXPEDITE EASE AND EFFICIENCY OF ARAFAT'S VISIT TO NEW YORK FOR PLO DEBATE. ALSO TOLD HIM USG HAS AGREED THAT THREE RPT THREE, BUT NO MORE THAN THREE GUARDS MIGHT CARRY GUNS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, WISH TO KNOW IDENTITY OF THESE THREE ARMED GUARDS ASAP. I ASKED THAT FAHMY BE ADVISED OF ABOVE ASAP. WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AL-BAZ TO GET IN TOUCH WITH CONSULAR OFFICER ANY TIME TONIGHT TO ISSUE VISAS.

3. AL-BAZ EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND STATED USG HAS BEEN "MOST COOPERATIVE." HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT NO RPT NO AUTHORIZATION YET RECEIVED FOR RIBHI AWWAD, TH THIRD OF THE THREE SPECIAL ADVISORS ON EARLIER PLO LIST (CAIRO 8999 AND 9000). HE ASSUMED AWWAD'S NAME NOT GIVEN TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT BECAUSE THE MAN HAS BEEN HERE IN CAIRO. AL-BAZ ASKD THAT VISA ALSO BE AUTHORIZED FOR AWWAD. I AGREED TO ASK FOR AUTHORIZATION. SINCE PARA 1, STATE 247827 INDICATES WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO THREE ADVISORS, ONE OF WHOM IS AWWAD, WE REQUEST DEPT FLASH APPROVAL THAT VISA ALSO BE AUTHORIZED FOR HIM.

4. ALSO AGAIN STRESSED TO AL-BAZ THAT PLO SHOULD NOTIFY UNSYG OF THIS LIST OF NAMES WITHOUT DELAY.
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